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## FREE GIFT.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE SITES.

GENEROUS STRAITS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 11.

Loud cheers greeted the announcement made by Mr. L. C. M. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. P. J. Penny, that the Duke of Devonshire, Secretary of State for Colonies, had received a message from the Governor of the Straits Settlements that with the concurrence of the unofficial members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Colony, sites for the naval base and aerodrome at Singapore would be acquired by the Government of the Colony and handed over as a free gift. A message had been sent to the Governor expressing the Imperial Government's warm appreciation of a very generous welcome and patriotic gift.

ANOTHER LORDS DEBATE.

LONDON, July 12.

In the House of Lords, proposing a resolution expressing the opinion that the contemplated naval and air expenditure is disproportionate, Lord Wimborne criticised the Singapore scheme.

Lord Linlithgow warmly championed it as by far the cheapest way of rendering British sea power effective in the Far East. He remarked that the British Parliament and the country would learn with the liveliest sense of gratitude and pride of the gift of the Government of the Straits. Even assuming that the battleship became obsolete, aeroplanes would need a base in the Far East.

Lord Haldane said it was very nice to be able to dominate the Pacific, but the command of the air was more urgent than naval power.

Lord Salisbury, replying, said it was part of our fundamental obligation to provide for the defence of all the Dominions. He incidentally expressed the profound satisfaction of the Government that France was taking the necessary steps to ratify the Washington agreement.

## RATIFIED.

FRENCH SENATE ADOPTS TREATIES.

PLEDGED TO PEACE.

PARIS, July 11.

The Senate by 287 to 3 votes adopted the Washington naval and Pacific treaties.

[The treaties have already been adopted by the Chamber of Deputies.]

LATER.

Speaking on behalf of the Naval Committee, M. Lemery enumerated France's disadvantages under the treaty. He declared Japan shared with Britain and America domination of the waters of the globe, whereas France was placed on equality with Italy although the former had a part to play in the North Sea as well as in the Mediterranean. He thought that at least an equivalent of 80,000 tons granted to Germany by the Washington treaty for the North Sea might have been added to the French ratio. Nevertheless he recommended ratification.

M. Raiberti, Minister of Marine, declared the treaty of Washington served the cause of peace. He urged ratification with a view to maintaining the friendship of the contracting Powers.

## CHINA LABOUR.

IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS.

SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE.

LONDON, July 11.

Commenting on recent steps to improve labour conditions in China, the organ of the International Labour Office hails them as a direct outcome of the efforts of the International Labour Organisation to promote universal standards of conditions of labour.

The organ cites an article on labour and industry in China by Professor J. B. Taylor, of Peking University, and Miss W. T. Zung, published in the July issue of the *International Labour Review*, showing how substantial is the advance on existing conditions represented by these reforms.

STEAMER FARES DOWN.

LLOYD-TRIESTINO RATES.

LONDON, July 11.

The Lloyd-Triestino Far East Service has reduced saloon fares as follows:

From Trieste or Venice to Penang and Singapore £66; to Hongkong or Manila £74; to Shanghai £78 to Yokohama or Kobe £82.

From Spalato or Brindisi the fares are £5 less in each case.

## UNDER MANDATE.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW GUINEA RULE.

CRITICISM ANSWERED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MELBOURNE, July 11.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Prime Minister, in a long speech, vigorously combated the recent newspaper criticisms of the administration of the former German New Guinea territory. He dwelt on the harm such statements were likely to cause in view of the forthcoming meeting of the Mandates Commission, but promised that during the recess there would be a thorough investigation of the charges of maladministration, also that a Parliamentary delegation would be despatched to the spot.

GERMAN SOURCES.

Mr. Bruce declared that many of these statements were from sources which were deliberately fomenting German propaganda against Australia.

[New Guinea (or Papua) is the largest island in the world with an area of 234,768 sq. miles. Before the war it was shared among Britain, Germany and Holland. During the war the Australians took over the German portion, Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, and are now administering it under mandate from the League of Nations. The inhabitants, numbering about 600,000, are mostly aboriginal Papuans. There are some 800 whites, including missionaries, traders, and officials. The resources of the island are as yet undeveloped, though doubtless much mineral wealth is awaiting exploitation.]

## DESERTER'S?

"LEVIATHAN'S" BRITISH SEAMEN.

HIGHER WAGES.

LONDON, July 11.

Twenty-two summonses were issued against British members of the crew of the "Leviathan" on arrival at Southampton.

The Cunard Line state that the action is not merely punitive but is designed to end desertions which have numbered 600 in the past five months, the men being tempted by higher pay on American vessels.

Although the "Leviathan" is officially dry, many passengers brought liquor on board, the unconsumed portion being seized or charged for by the British Customs.

[Following a great campaign of publicity, the "Leviathan," former German "Waterland," sailed on Independence Day for her first voyage as a 100 per cent. American vessel.]

## FAMOUS COMEDIAN DEAD.

ALBERT CHEVALIER'S CAREER.

LONDON, July 11.

The death is announced of Mr. Albert Chevalier the famous comedian.

[Mr. Chevalier had reached the age of 62 years. He made his first appearance in public as a child eight years old, and as an actor on the legitimate stage was for many years associated with Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, John Hare, A. W. Pinero etc. After four years connected with Music Halls he toured with his own entertainment in England, giving over 1,000 recitals at Queen's Hall, London. The older generation will remember his famous: "My Old Dutch".]

## PRINCE'S HOLIDAY.

OFF TO HIS RANCH?

LONDON, July 11.

It is learned that the Prince of Wales proposes



to visit Canada in the early autumn privately. He will not accept any official engagements.

[During his last visit to Canada, the Prince bought an extensive ranch.]

## HOME TRADE.

SLIGHT RELAPSE.

LONDON, July 12.

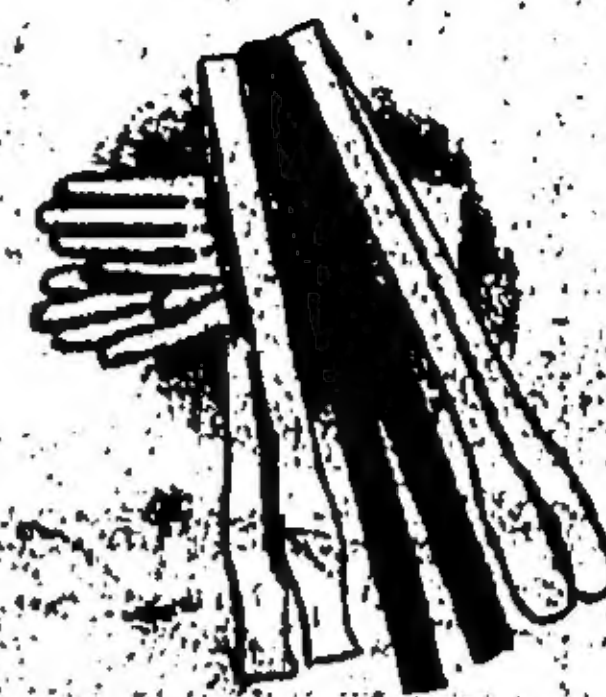
The imports for June were £89,307,000, and the exports £62,883,000 re-exports £10,954,000.

[The continued improvement of British trade was evidenced by the Board of Trade returns for May showing imports £89,576,000 and exports of £71,554,000. These were increases of £3,061,000 and £3,683,000, respectively compared with April.]

## DOCKERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, July 11.

The unofficial strike committee in London has called off the dockers' strike. The men are resuming work to-morrow.



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## INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an interim dividend of £3 per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th June, 1923, at rate of 2/3d per dollar.

The dividend will be payable on and after TUESDAY the 7th August, 1923, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY the 23rd July to SATURDAY the 4th August, 1923, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1923, will be PAYABLE on WEDNESDAY, 8th AUGUST, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 26th July to Wednesday, 8th August, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

## NOTICE.

WE are selling a small stock of below-mentioned goods in whole or half piece lots (50 yards per piece):

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IMPORT DEPARTMENT,  
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Hongkong, July 11, 1923.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Registrar of the Supreme Court to sell by Public Auction.

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Gin (Gordon, Old Tom, Holland, etc.),  
Whiskey (John Dewart, King George, Black and White, Napier Johnstone, Haig and Haig, Canadian Club, American, etc.).

Brandy (Bennesay, Martell, etc.),  
French and Italian Vermouth, Crame de Menthe Cacao, Benedictine, Chartreuse, Apricot Brandy, Curacao, Absinthe, Dubonnet, Blackberry Brandy, Kummel, Amer Picon, etc.

Bitters (Angostura, Orange Koech, Lash, etc.).

San Miguel Beer, American Beer, Bass Ale and Stout, etc., etc.

On view from SATURDAY, the 14th July, 1923.

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Hongkong, July 11, 1923.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of July, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai Kok Tui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of removal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

## MAIL-WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND  
NEAR.

A new motor lifeboat, the "H. F. Bailey," has been stationed at Cromer. It is the biggest and most powerful ship on the coast.

While playing lawn tennis at a Dulwich Club Mr. Phillips, of Holmdene Avenue, Herne Hill, S.E., died suddenly. He was about 50 years old.

A Bolshevik military attaché who is in Constantinople awaiting the arrival of Suritch, the Soviet Ambassador, has received several letters threatening his life.

Mr. Frank Munsey, proprietor of the New York Herald, Sun, and Evening Telegram, and many other newspapers and magazines, has purchased the New York Globe.

At Ecclestone, near Stafford, William Griffith, 57, billposter, was remanded on a charge of murdering his mother, a widow, aged 80.

Superintendent W. Moss, of the Lichfield, Staffordshire, police, was found in a field with a bullet wound in the head, and died later. He was to have retired this month.

There are 374 cases, including 286 undefended suits, in the divorce list for the Trinity term, less than a third of the number entered at the corresponding period last year.

The Government explosive store and refinery plant at Chester, which seven years ago cost \$500,000, has been sold to the Anglo-Scottish Finance Corporation for \$30,000.

Two platelayers, Richard Payne, 25, of Jocelyn-street, Peckham, S.E., and T. Foster, 30, of High-street, Peckham, were killed on the Southern Railway near Old Kent-road Station, S.E., by an express train.

The Spanish police have arrested a man and a woman in a train between Madrid and Bilbao who had in their luggage six loaded revolvers, a quantity of ammunition, and four bombs. Men and 4 other women were arrested near Madrid as their accomplices.

Under a scheme whereby motor-car owners in the diocese lend him their cars, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has during the past 12 months made 74 journeys in cars belonging to 47 different people. Three owners drove the bishop on four occasions and five three times.

Stated to be secretary of the Fulham branch of the Irish Self-Determination League, Francis Kavin Lee, 200, a musician, one of the returned Irish deportees, was bound over at Marylebone on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Sir William Horwood, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, arrived at Queenstown from the United States with Col. Wood, of the New York Police, who is staying for three months in London. He has been attending an international conference of police chiefs.

At the inquest at Tottenham on 32-year-old Charles Henry Laws, of Asplin-road, Tottenham, who was drowned in the River Lea, it was stated that four men saw him struggling in the water, and made an attempt at rescue. He was dead when taken from the river. The verdict was Accidental Death.

There is no reason for anxiety regarding the eyesight of Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador in Washington (who is confined to a darkened room), according to cables received by his friends. Sir Landon Ronald, at the Music Trades Convention at Buxton, said the enormous improvement in the British piano was causing consternation in Germany, and it was senseless prejudice which impelled the British artist to play foreign pianos.

Father Martindale, who is engaged on a memoir of Father Bernard Vaughan, wrote a Life of Father Hugh Benson, and both being written with scholarship and yet not too heavily for the general public they had large sales. Father Martindale does not expect to get his memoir of Father Bernard Vaughan out before the autumn.

A tablecloth spread on the turf with a number of silver and silver-plated articles on it were found in Garton Park, Garton, Surrey. There was also a serviette on which was written in pencil: "Good luck to the finder. May it do the finder a bit of good." Each article bore a crest and monogram, and it is believed they form part of the proceeds of a robbery and were discarded by the thieves.

The death has occurred at Ealing of Mr. Owen Thomas, a well-known horticulturist, and formerly head gardener to Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle. After her death he was given a pension by King Edward. Before entering the Royal service Mr. Thomas was head gardener to the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth. On the occasion of his golden wedding last August, he received a congratulatory letter from the King.

## AMONG CANNIBALS.

## SAVED BY HER WHITE SKIN.

Mrs. Charlotte Cameron, the woman explorer, has returned to London at the end of a lengthy tour in the little-known regions of the Southern Seas. Mrs. Cameron claims to have travelled more than any other living woman. Since 1910 she has travelled 171,000 miles.

Her recent journey took her through the Dutch East Indies, Sarawak, and many of the savage islands to the north of Australia. For many weeks she was the only passenger in the coasting vessels.

Mrs. Cameron is an authority on South Sea head-hunters and cannibals. "Lots of people tell you," she said "that cannibalism is almost non-existent. In many of the islands which I visited the natives openly avowed that they were cannibals."

On one occasion she was captured by a hostile cannibal tribe. "I was hauled before the big chief," she said, "and set in the middle of his lesser chiefs who sat in a circle in front of his mud hut. The whole tribe of courtiers looked on, smacking their lips in anticipation of a feast."

"The cannibal chief marvelled at the whiteness of my skin. I was the first white woman he had ever seen. He expressed a doubt as to whether I was white all over, and I was told to remove my boots and stockings that he might be convinced. The moment he realised that I was really white all over he changed his attitude completely and became quiet."

## GORGEOUS SUITORS.

"In New Guinea there are strange marriage customs. When a young man contemplates matrimony he

collects some three dozen bird of paradise feathers, which he fastens into a headdress; after that he anoints his body with coconut oil, and polishes it until it glistens."

"Then, wearing his magnificent and many coloured head-dress, which is sometimes as much as three feet high, he seduces casually among the women working in the plantations (for women do all the work in New Guinea) until he reaches the one he desires to marry. He does not speak to her, but looks into her eyes fixedly for some time. After that he cracks his fingers and approaches her. If she smiles, he knows that he has found favour."

Half-roasted pork is the chief dish of the wedding breakfast, and each of the wedding guests is expected to eat five pounds of pork."

## AN EYE TO CHEAP LIVING.

Lover: "You are getting prettier every day."

Sweet Girl: "Just now I am living on brown bread and water to improve my complexion."

Lover: "How long can you keep that up?"

Sweet Girl: "Oh, indefinitely!"

Lover: "Then, let's get married."

## HER BURDEN.

"Where have you been, Mary Ann?"

"I've been to the Girls' Improvement Class, ma'am," was the maid's reply.

"Well, and what did the curate say to you? Did you tell him who your mistress was?"

"Please, ma'am, he said I wasn't to give notice, as I intended, but that I was to consider you as my burden—and bear it."

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## BIRTH.

**SULERZYSKI.**—On July 6, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. de Sulerzyski, a son.

## DEATH.

**DONNELLY.**—Belle, beloved wife of Denis E. Donnelly on the 8th inst., in London (by cable).

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1923.

## STILL WE WAIT.

Skimming to-day's news, the observant will not have failed to note two items which read rather quaintly when taken together. Singapore is presenting the Imperial Government with free sites for the proposed naval base and aerodrome. Hongkong is still bounding the War Office for its military lands. Singapore thus earns the warmest praises; Hongkong earns the greatest contempt! But comparisons are ever odious and this time they are grossly misleading. Without belittling Singapore's "generous, welcome, and patriotic" gift, one can yet point out that the land for these sites will not be in the city's way; that it will not strangle the city's growth. One can point out, indeed, that the base will mean much money for Singapore. Apart from the \$10,000,000 which will be laid out there for the actual works, many thousands—ultimately many millions—will find their way into Straits pockets from Navy funds. Not for one minute do we ingenuously shut this view from our sister Crown Colony to make the gift. Singapore could have taken all she will get and never have raised the

smallest finger to have helped the sorely harassed Home taxpayer. That fact speaks for itself. Our only motive in dealing with the Straits gift at all is that strangers in our midst, learning that Hongkong, much less giving away sites, is wanting existing ones handed back, may contrast the two news items to our discredit; and after the odium this Colony has suffered through child slaves and immoral women, our good name needs jealous care. Everyone now admits that the military lands delay amounts to a scandal—everyone but the sublime War Office which alone blocks the way. Long overdue, the transfer of the military lands is now vitally essential, alike in the interests of the Colony generally and the military themselves. The Colony's area available for commercial purposes is strictly limited and commonsense demands that this area should be put to the best use. The military lands occupy a very large tract in the city's heart. They divide the Western from the Eastern district, hamper free communication and cramp the natural development of the business centre. No question of military strategy is involved and there are many better sites, belonging to the Colonial Government, where the troops could enjoy more healthy and spacious surroundings. The local Government and the local military authorities have long ago done all they can. Our public men have talked themselves hoarse and our newspaper editors have written themselves profane. To-day we are told that the Secretary of State for Colonies himself is "fully aware of the importance to Hongkong of the military lands question," and that "he has not failed to represent it to the War Office." Again the War Office, which nothing it seems can move. Three months ago the

Under Secretary for Colonies hoped the transfer would take place "with the least possible delay." Hongkong is now learning what that means. And the experience is proving—interminable.

## "Encore Encore."

Every music-lover is not, apparently, ready to agree with the condemnation of Opera encores as "unquestionably inartistic" contained in a note in this column last week. Discussing the subject in the correspondence columns of *The Outlook* Mr. F. H. S. Hammond declares emphatically that "Italian Opera is meant to be encored; it falls flat without it; and when English politeness takes the form of attempts to prevent the Covent Garden audience from encores separate numbers in 'Bohème' or 'Aida' the result is quite surprisingly depressing." He suggests that it explains why these operas are never so convincingly performed by Covent Garden "stars" as they are in small provincial towns in Italy. Mr. Hammond's contention about the Italian opera is too controversial to discuss adequately here but he does seem to hit a nail on the head when he goes on to deal with the encore nuisance at concerts. It is not only in London that "the dreariest of turns are repeated time after time on the strength of a few handclaps" and there are concert artists and concert organisers in Hongkong who might well adopt Mr. Hammond's advice to cultivate sufficient restraint to enable them to distinguish between mere "English politeness" and a genuine demand for more. The remedy is surely, as he pointed out, not for the audience to refrain from expressing a moderate satisfaction when such an expression is due, but for the performers to wait for something like enthusiastic applause before they come on again.

## Peking Politics.

Latest advices from Peking throw little real light on the political situation owing to the activities of the propagandists on the Chihli side and those in the pay of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. One thing, however, is plain—the present "government" of China is nearing the end of its tether and may collapse at any moment for lack of funds. On July 5 Mr. Chang Ying-hua, the Minister of Finance, journeyed to Tientsin to try and persuade Mr. Wang Kung-ming, the Governor of the Bank of China to assume the portfolio of Finance. Mr. Wang is said to have "promised all possible help" but refused the portfolio. It would thus appear that no financial aid can be expected in that quarter for the present. Marshal Tiao Kun, of course, may be prepared to foot the bill until the presidential election is held on August 15, but if he pays the piper he will want to call the tune. In the meantime, the Chihli Party appear most anxious to bring about an understanding between Marshal Tiao Kun and Dr. Sun Yat-sen. From the frantic efforts being made by the Chihli leaders to conclude an agreement with Canton it would appear that a pact with Dr. Sun can alone save the "Pao-fu-fu" (Marshal Tiao Kun) from "losing face," in so far as he wishes foreigners to believe that he has no ambition to rule at Peking except at the wish of the people. However, should all efforts to reach an agreement with Sun Yat-sen fail, the Pao-fu-fu War Lord will probably use his military power to "protect" the Peking Government—a government of his own.

At the moment, if one can put any faith in reports from Dr. Sun's propagandists, the founder of the Republic of China is more inclined to strengthen the triple alliance between the Kuomintang, the Anfuists and Mukden rather than come to terms with Marshal Tiao Kun. Latest cable advices state that Mr. Chang Ying-hua has resigned and that Cabinet officials are hopeful that Mr. Wang Kung-ming will accept the portfolio of Finance. The present quiet may be the lull before the storm and Tuan Chi-jui, the Anfuist leader, may yet be found opposing Tiao Kun. The developments of the next few weeks will have a very grave bearing upon China's future position vis-à-vis the Powers.

According to the *N.C.D. News*, a considerable amount of labour unrest is at the present moment prevalent in Shanghai. Various demands have been noted within recent days for substantial increases of wages on the part of the lower paid workers, and only a week or two ago strikes involving 2,000 or 3,000 employees were recorded. There seems little indication of the "situation" subsiding, for another case is reported. This is on the part of the carriers of Nanjing who have presented an ultimatum to their employers for an increase of no less than 30 per cent. in their wages, failing the payment of which they intend to strike. In addition boatmen engaged in the local timber trade threaten to cease work as a result of a reduction in their wages from \$20 to \$18, while 40 lace-makers in Ferry Road have already come out.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 12.—Coronet Theatre, "Just Dogs" and Constance Talmadge in "The Perfect Woman."  
July 12.—World Theatre, "The Chickasha Bone Crusher" and Constance Binney in "Midnight."  
July 12.—Star Theatre, Italian Grand Opera Company, "Mignon."  
July 14.—Star Theatre, Nikola, the World's Greatest Magician and Illusionist.  
July 21.—Band Concert, Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.  
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
July 13.—Lammert Bros.: valuable postage stamp, sales rooms, 5.15 p.m.  
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July 16.—Lammert Bros.: wines, spirits and malt liquors, at their Duddell Street sales room, 11 a.m.  
July 16.—One lot—Crown land, 4,400 sq. ft., Tai Kok Tsui—upset price \$8,800. P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Commencing July 14, The Great Nikola with his company are performing at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

The Po Kwong Photo Studio, art picture dealers, 129, Wellington Street, advertise photo supplies and developing work.

Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Import Department, are selling white cotton drill, coloured alpaca and proof union silk in whole or half piece lots at popular prices.

That part of Castle Peak Road which has been blocked since the damage caused by the typhoon will be closed for another six weeks or so as a retaining wall has to be built.

A large quantity of wines, spirits and malt liquors of well-known brands will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at their Duddell Street sales rooms at 11 a.m. on July 16.

Reuters cables from Peking that the Cabinet has decided to open Peking as a freeport. They have appointed Cheng Yuan Chuan Director of the Port Opening Administration. The Cabinet have also decided to allocate \$500,000 from the Peking office, for educational expenses in Peking.

According to a *Reuters* cable from Peking, a mandate issued at midnight on July 9, accepted Chang Ying Hua's resignation and appointed Kang Ko Ming Finance Minister. It is still uncertain whether the latter will take up the post, but Cabinet officials are optimistic. Dr. Wellington Koo is returning from the Western Hills, and officials are hopeful that he will now take up the position of Foreign Minister.

An interesting and important development of the anti-Japanese boycott movement is recorded in the *Shanghai Nichi Nichi*. This journal states that a number of anonymous letters have been received by the landlord of property in Woosung Road, instructing him to get rid of his Japanese tenants. The *Nichi Nichi* understands that he has given orders for the tenants to leave and that the latter are now preparing to enter a protest.

A number of local politicians whose principal desire seems to be to make Shanghai the political centre of China have just suffered a disappointment, says the *N.C.D. News*. There was a report that Dr. Sun Yat-sen was to come here in response to a demand by various leaders for his presence, but this now turns out to be incorrect. The exigencies of his military campaign in the south seem to be too great. At the same time Dr. Sun is reported to have refused any funds to the M. P.'s with the object of inducing them to go to Canton.

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## STREET IDLERS.

BUSY THOROUGHFARE BLOCKED.

Action taken by the police following several complaints made by European offices with frontages on the Praya between Blinck Pier and the Star Ferry wharf, resulted in a number of coolies and boatwomen being charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning with causing an obstruction by squatting on the pavement.

It was explained by Detective Sergeant Elston, who had charge, that defendants were in the habit of looting up against the walls of the buildings with their legs stretched out, thereby impeding pedestrians on the pavement. His Worship bound defendants over in the sum of \$10 each.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Silk forwarded from here by the "Empress of Russia" on June 14 arrived in New York on July 8, having been 34 days in transit.

Discomfort from mosquito and other pests can now be eradicated by the application of Flygon. Obtainable at all leading dispensaries.

The returns of notifiable diseases, for the 24 hours ended yesterday, report 1 case of plague, 2 small-pox and one enteric. All the patients are Chinese.

Messrs. J. T. Shaw announce a fine collection of materials for summer wear, including serges, gabardines, drills &c. and will be glad to show same to intending customers.

The activities of the Y.M.C.A., during the next few days include the usual Sunday meeting, a film display on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and exercises and play for Chinese Lukongs. The Evening School finishes a successful term this week.

The Rev. H. R. Wells of the London Mission has presented a large telescope to the Chinese Y.M.C.A., for the use of members and the general public. Mr. Wells is also bearing the cost of a small shelter on the roof garden for this telescope. The gifts are much appreciated.

Five dead bodies, believed to be those of passengers who perished when the steam-launch "Fee Din Yat" sank off the Western Praya wall, were recovered yesterday. In all over twenty bodies have been found since the disaster, but the police cannot say definitely if they are all those of passengers of the "Fee Din Yat."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. George Bacheider, the oldest European in Burma, has died suddenly at 103.

The death has occurred of Mr. Seymour Lucas, R.A., a painter of subjects of national interest.

It is announced in Peking that Sir Ronald Macleay, who was taken ill shortly after leaving Shanghai, is suffering from tonsillitis.

Mr. Charles Reenie Cowie, of Glasgow, East India merchant, who left personal estate valued at £131,715, made several bequests for Church work.

Mr. William Rolle Malcolm, senior partner in Coutts's Bank, left estate of the gross value of £300,499. The will of Alderman Sir Joseph Sykes Rymer, four times Lord Mayor of York, has been sworn at £266,681.

Mr. L. J. Cubitt, of Scott, Harding, and Co., metals, machinery, and general importers, of Shanghai, is due to arrive in England shortly. Letters care of the Secretary, Advisory and Information Bureau, Manchester Guardian Commercial.

Mr. S. Swancoat, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Shanghai, importers of metals and general goods, is expected in England shortly. He can be reached through the Secretary, Advisory and Information Bureau, Manchester Guardian Commercial.

Messrs. F. I. Clarke and G. C. Pelham, clerical officers in the British Foreign Office, seconded for service in China, arrived at Shanghai on July 6 by the P. & O. s.s. "Khiva." Mr. Clarke will be attached to the Consulate-General at Shanghai, while Mr. Pelham proceeds to Tientsin to the Consulate there.

Can You Afford the Risk? Were you ever seized with a severe attack of dizziness or diarrhoea with out a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house? Don't take such risks. A dose of two will cure you before a doctor could possibly be called, and it never fails even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by all Chemists and Stockists.

## CIVIC NEEDS.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

POLICE REFORM WANTED.

Kowloon's need for better police protection was among the pressing local matters which the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association discussed at its usual monthly meeting held early this week. Among recent crimes which were cited as making this need urgent, was the horrible murder of a Chinese police constable only a few weeks ago in the very heart of the residential area. After a long prolonged discussion, during which a very strong case was made out for a stronger police force in Kowloon, the meeting decided to urge the Government to take immediate action.

## TRAFFIC TANGLE.

Another pressing matter, also discussed was the traffic tangle outside the Kowloon Ferry Wharf. A letter was read from the Captain Superintendent of Police stating that certain improvements were being effected. He had arranged for the Kowloon City buses to be diverted to the left of the triangle and to go out by the right into Salisbury Road. Mr. Wolfe asked the Association to assist him by trying to impress on the travelling public to keep to the left instead of spreading all over the road as they do at present on leaving the ferry. He had arranged for a European sergeant to attend at the ferry during the rush hours, and had also arranged for a constable to be on duty at the junction of Salisbury and Nathan Roads during certain hours. Recently he had dealt with two of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s drivers for speeding; the licence of one had been suspended for four months and that of the other for one month.

## THE WAY OUT.

Messrs. W. J. Stokes, B. Wylie and R. Puckham having studied the problem as a sub-committee, Mr. Stokes read their report. This urged that in order to obviate the present confusion of vehicles and pedestrians the one guiding rule of the road should be rigidly upheld—keep to the left. Any attempt to ignore this rule should invite stern measures in the interests of public safety. The report then showed how the existing tangle could be eliminated entirely to the area lying between the richa shelter and the island where they would have a turning circle of 60 feet in diameter; the size of the island to be considerably reduced; the southern kerb of Salisbury Road to be restored to a line that would bring the existing line of trees into the roadway; shelter to be provided for passengers using buses and taxis; and efficient European supervision to be provided, at least during the busy hours.

The meeting resolved to forward both report and plan to the Government with an offer to explain any points desired.

## IMPROVED LIGHTING.

Some time ago the Association pressed for improved lighting in Kowloon. A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary.

With a view to obtaining greater efficiency in the lighting of Salisbury and Nathan Roads, three light cluster lamps are to be installed on all the central lamps on these roads and on the usual type of lamps in Chatham Road between Middle Road and Gascoigne Road. The lamp in Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry is to be converted into a four cluster lamp.

In Coronation Road, Gascoigne Road and Chatham Road from Gascoigne Road to Wai Street, the existing 16 candle-power electric lamps are to be replaced at intervals of approximately 80 yards with 400 candle-power electric lamps supported by suitable standards. The additions to the electric lighting of the Tai Kok Tsui and Kowloon City districts are of the type now in use, namely two candle-power and additional gas lamps are also to be provided.

Altogether 246 additional lamps will be installed. The additional cost of the lighting and upkeep will be approximately \$7,300 for gas and \$6,800 electricity per annum.

## LETTER BOXES.

Thanks to the Postal Sub-committee's good work and the Postmaster-General's ready co-operation, Kowloon now enjoys improved facilities, additional letter boxes having been provided at the following places—

## TSM SHIA TSUI.

Junction of Nathan Road and Halphong Road.  
Junction of Nathan Road and Jordan Road.  
Junction of Gascoigne Road and Chatham Road.

## KOWLOON CITY.

Junction of Sai Kung Road and Fourth Street.  
Kowloon City Road at Hongkong Hide and Leather Factory.

## HOMUNTIN.

Liberty Avenue. — Opposite No. 2.

## OUR MILITARY LANDS.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S REPLY.

The Hon. Secretary of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong (Mr. H. R. Remington) sends us the following copy of a letter just received from the Colonial Secretary relative to the 5th resolution passed at the Public Meeting held at the City Hall on March 9, last. No reference is made to the other resolutions—

[COPY.]

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, July 7, 1923.  
"Sir,—With reference to the letter of March 23, 1923, forwarded by your Association in conjunction with the Kowloon Residents' Association, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has replied that he is well aware of the importance to Hongkong of the Military Lands question and that he has not failed to represent it to the War Office. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant.  
(Sgd.) A. G. M. FLETCHER."  
The Hon. Secretary, Constitutional Reform Association.

## VISITING THE STRAITS.

Mrs. Harry Woods and her daughter Aileen departed yesterday by the "Kutsung" for the Straits on a professional visit, and intend to proceed to Sumatra, and other ports. The period of their absence is not definite. It will be remembered that Miss Aileen and her sister Doris made very many successes in Hongkong some time ago in their Caribart work, but the scene of their first triumphs after leaving America and South Africa was the Straits and the Federated Malay States to which they are now proceeding. It can be safely claimed that no artistes met with greater receptions and scored more popularity than the Misses Woods. They were the first to introduce the new Caribart work into the East and travelled through India, Burma, the Philippines, Japan and China, performing at all the principal clubs in all the cities during the four years of the war. It was only when the Armistice was signed that they relinquished their singing, and went in entirely for teaching, and they have taught continuously ever since in Japan, Korea and Hongkong. The latter part has been their home for three years and they have made many friends and have proved themselves as a Singapore contemporary writes "past masters in the Art of Teaching." All the best wishes have gone with these two clever ladies in their venture.

## BASEBALL.

CANTON vs. HONGKONG.

The Canton all-Americans Baseball team are due at Happy Valley to try conclusions with the Hongkong Baseball Club on Saturday afternoon next. The visitors are said to have a very strong nine this year and are confident of lowering the colours of the local boys. According to present arrangements, the Canton lineup will be:

CANTON TEAM.	
Heinrich	p.
Lewis	c.
Backell	2b.
Bonno	s.s.
Collins	3b.
Hodgkins	i.f.
Mackie	i.f.
Miller	c.f.

When Harold Sayles, a young man of Sheffield, was charged at Nottingham with stealing a motor-car, it was stated that the theft was prompted by "swollen head," and a desire to "swank." He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Further extension of Kowloon postal facilities was being considered, it was stated, but hitherto all attempts to induce stores, both European and Chinese, to sell stamps had failed.

## BATHING FACILITIES.

Before the bathing season began, the Committee suggested that the Kowloon facilities would be greatly improved if the Government provided a bamboo pier, 50 feet long, similar to the one at North Point. This has been done. Furthermore a matched has been erected and seats have been provided.

MOTOR CYCLES ON FERRIES. The Star Ferry Company's attention having been called to the serious inconvenience frequently caused by several motorcycles being transported on the one launch, the Committee urged the Company to limit the number of machines to one per trip. The Company replied promising to consider the matter and this week the Committee was able to report marked improvement, especially during the rush hours.



## COMMERCIAL.

## HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

## CHINA PROVIDENT RUMOUR.

Attention in the local stock market during the last few days has been centred in the China Provident shares which have appreciated about \$2 on the strength of a rumour that the company has sold some of its property at a profit. As far as is known, the only plot of property that might have been sold is the piece of land on Inland Lot No. 905 at Kennedy Town. At present the company has a hardware godown near this piece of land, the godown having a frontage on Belcher Street. The fact that the company sold some land next to the godown and then bought the piece on Lot 905 (which is behind the hardware godown) in the course of 1921 and 1922 is, it is believed, common knowledge. The property reported to have been disposed of cost the company about \$3.50 per square foot. With the greatly enhanced value ruling at present, the profit, if the land has been sold, must have been a fairly large sum.

Some, however, discredit the rumour that the land on Lot 905 has been sold. If this is correct, it is still more improbable that any of the company's other property has been disposed of. Practically all the other holdings are used as godowns or godowns are being built thereon. When the company first went into the godown business, it had P.R. Marine Lots 204 and 205 and twenty-four Chinese houses on Marine Lots 204 and 205. It also owned property at Possession Street and Catchick Street but these do not enter into the present rumour as they were sold as Chinese tenements long ago.

In 1920, the company sold, at a price very much higher than book figures, the houses on Marine Lots 204 and 205; these houses are now being demolished by their new owner. Since then it has acquired the godown next to their original holding, standing on P.R. Marine Lot 186 now known as Marine Lot 434. At various dates the company bought the godowns—some in course of construction and some completed—on Marine Lots 177, 178, 179, 180, 181 and 182, this property giving them an excellent frontage on the Praya. It has also acquired the godowns on Marine Lot 282.

According to experts, all these properties are admirably suited for warehousing business on an extensive scale. The company has already secured permission to construct a number of wharves so as to be able to cater for the steamers which discharge into their godowns. It therefore seems improbable that any of the land used for godowning purposes will have been sold.

## METALS MARKET.

Round Bars.—Some European importers are canvassing orders for indents of round bars, details being as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1" sizes, at \$5.15 to \$5.20 per picul ex-godown, usual terms, shipment in about three months. Small orders have been booked at these rates by the Chinese dealers. Corrugated Bars.—Brokers are also trying to book orders for corrugated bars,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1" at \$6.25 per picul ex-godown, usual terms, shipment in three months, but without success. Galvanised Pipes.—An absolute dearth of the 3" size has set in owing to buying for constructional work in the Colony. Builders are still on the look-out for spot goods and have offered over 18 cents per foot against 16 cents, the price ruling a short time ago.

## SUGAR ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Tipanas" has arrived with some "new crop" Java sugar. After discharging at Taikoo (for the refinery) she will be in the stream to discharge goods consigned to Chinese importers. The s.s. "Tijaroen" and the "Tijepbang" are both expected to bring in large quantities of Java sugar but the exact quantities are not known yet.

## FLOUR.

The s.s. "Empress of Canada" carries some flour for local consignees on this outward trip.

## INSURANCE.

## THE OCEAN ACCIDENT &amp; GUARANTEE CORPORATION.

Addressing the shareholders at the annual meeting of the Ocean Ltd., the Chairman, Mr. E. Roger Owen, gave prominence for some interesting figures. In the course of his speech he said:—  
The assets stand at \$7,663,254, as against \$4,657,433. The revenue for the year amounted to \$5,694,547 as against \$5,897,194 in 1921. The premium income amounted to \$5,415,541, as against \$5,600,691, a decrease of \$185,150. The claims paid and provided for, amounted to \$3,076,974, representing 56.8 per cent. of the premium bonds, as compared with 54.1 per cent. in this

## LOCAL PRICES.

## STEAMER FREIGHTS HIGHER.

## POULTRY RISES AGAIN.

As is only to be expected, the announcement that the militarists will not allow merchant ships to go up the West River further than Shu King has caused poultry prices in the Colony to soar.

Hongkong is almost entirely dependant on Wuchow for its supplies of poultry and the cessation of steamer traffic means a stop to imports. However, two small ships have managed to get down with full cargoes of foodstuffs and firewood. Yesterday, the "Shing Cheong" came in and this morning goods were landed from the "Chung On." From the two ships, the wholesalers received about eighty crates of poultry, a fraction of normal quantities. Not only were prices high but the market stalls had to be satisfied with very small numbers.

Firewood has been dear since the trouble began months ago. Chances of improvement are more remote now.

Pork is also up, reduced imports being the cause as in other commodities.

When all the vessels were running about a week ago, large quantities of cattle were brought down and the beef situation is not as acute as it was during the height of the last stoppage.

While on the question of high food costs, it is worth while mentioning why the river steamers have to charge higher freights. Previously, the round trip seldom occupied more than four days whereas now the trip takes about nine or ten days. Obstacles have to be overcome before plain sailing can be effected and all means increased expenditure. Moreover, the owners have to look at things from the aspect of the risk taken.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General.

12 noon July 11, 1923.

Typhoon in about 135 deg. Long. E. 10 deg. Lat. N. moving N.W.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at noon to-day:—  
1.—Cyclone or typhoon E. of the Northern Visayas or South-east of Luzon, direction unknown.  
2.—Cyclone or typhoon North of Yap, moving N.E.

## OIL LIGHTER SUNK.

A warning to mariners posted up at the Harbour Office notifies that the oil lighter B.P.M. 87 is sunk in lat. 22.37N. long. 113.45E. The position is marked by a boat exhibiting a red flag by day and a red light by night, also a buoy. Ships are requested to give this position a wide berth and proceed at slow speed when passing. Salvage work is in progress.

previous year. The decrease in premiums was not due to loss of connections. In point of fact the number of policies on our books increased considerably during the year, and I am glad to say is still increasing to an extent which gives good hopes for the future expansion of our business. The reduction was almost entirely due to the diminished volume of premiums from workmen's compensation insurances, the result of continued industrial depression.

As to the more immediate future, I am happy to say that there are indications of improvement in various directions. Take, for instance, the United States of America, where we have a very important business. During the greater portion of last year they had not recovered from the serious depression under which they had been suffering, but towards the end of the year there were signs of improvement, and during the opening months of the present year, these signs have become more convincing, to the extent that our business in that country shows expansion in every department as compared with the same period of 1922. Likewise there are healthy indications of expanding business at most of our other overseas branches in the Dominions and elsewhere.

Consequent upon the retirement of the manager and secretary, Mr. W. Singleton Hooper, December 31, 1922, the directors have made the following appointments:—Manager, Mr. W. Langton Carey; assistant manager, Mr. W. T. Perry; and secretary, Mr. Christmas Evans.

The retiring directors, Mr. E. Roger Owen and the Earl of Dunmore, V.O., D.S.O., were re-elected and the report and accounts were passed.

## HOME TRADE FAIR.

## LOCAL CHINESE LARGELY INTERESTED.

## COMMITTEE'S HARD WORK.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, was seen this morning by a *China Mail* representative, regarding the local preparations being made by Chinese merchants to participate in the British Empire Trade Exhibition to be held in 1924.

"The Chinese Exhibition Committee are doing their utmost to push on matters," said Mr. Kotewall. "This kind of business is necessarily slow. It took time to ascertain how far the Government was prepared to go in the way of financial assistance and now that the Government's views have been ascertained, we have invited applications from would-be exhibitors as to their requirements and the nature of their exhibits. The Committee have drawn up a memorandum, giving particulars of the nature of the Government assistance and requirements. The Government has undertaken to defray the entire cost of erecting the buildings to the amount of approximately \$40,000 and has also agreed to give to the Chinese Exhibition Committee \$150,000 towards the cost of freight, passages and maintenance. It has further agreed to guarantee any loss that the Chinese exhibitors may suffer to the amount of \$100,000 against a similar guarantee of \$50,000 to be given by the Chinese."

"The Government is anxious that as representative a collection of goods as are manufactured in or handled by the Colony, should be sent to the exhibition, and also that the actual processes of manufacture should be exhibited."

"The Chinese Committee are working hard towards this end. Though they have not yet before them the result of applications for show space, they have tentatively asked the Government to have twenty-four shops provided for Chinese exhibits in the Hongkong section, and they are in hopes that all the twenty-four shops will be taken up."

BLACKWOOD AND EMBROIDERY.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, the secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, was also interviewed.

He said that twenty-four houses had been booked for Chinese exhibitors. It was at first hoped to be able to get the list of intending exhibitors ready by July 15 but it had to be delayed till the end of the month. According to his present calculations he was afraid that twenty-four houses would not mean sufficient accommodation.

The committee appointed by the Chamber to deal with the Exhibition had almost perfected their arrangements. They had received a large number of applications which were still coming in. Mr. Ip was sanguine that Hongkong Chinese would put up a creditable exhibition.

Asked as to what trades would be in preponderance, Mr. Ip said that the majority of applications were from blackwood makers and silk embroiderers. Most of these represented Hongkong establishments, but a few Canton firms were included. Preparations were also going ahead for the restaurant display.

A circular had been freely distributed to local business men explaining the extent of the Government's assistance. The benefits to be gained from participation are pointed out and merchants are requested to do all they can to further the interests of the Exhibition.

## TYPHOON SIGNALS.

## CANTON TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

The Chinese Maritime Customs' Harbour Authorities at Canton after July 15 are introducing a system which will indicate by night, by means of coloured lights, the direction of a gale in Hongkong. Night signals will be hoisted from sunset to sunrise as follows:

Three lights vertical.	Gale from	
2. N. (NW to NE)	3. S. (SE to SW)	4. E. (NE to SE)
Green	Red	Green
Red	Green	Red
Green	Red	Green

W. (NW to SW)	Gale expected to increase.	Typhoon expected.
Red	Green	Red
Green	Green	Red
Green	Green	Red

Telegrams received in Canton, giving further information regarding typhoons, which cannot be repeated by signal, will be posted at the Customs' Harbour Master's Office, where any fuller information required may be obtained.

As typhoon warnings are received from Hongkong by telegraph, the repetition of the signals at Canton will be dependent on the telegraph wire being in working order.

It is to be noted that the above signals all refer to the weather in Hongkong. The day signals will remain as heretofore.

## LAUNCH MISHAP.

## RESCUING VESSEL'S MASTER PROSECUTED.

A charge of wrongfully lying his launch alongside the Kowloon Police pier thereby obstructing the free access of other vessels was dismissed when the defendant, the master of the steam launch "Yew Shing," explained to the Marine Magistrate (Commander G. W. Beckwith, R.N.) to-day that the police engaged him to take passengers from the launch which over-turned on Sunday and that he had rescued many from the water. He explained that he left his launch alongside the police pier while he and all the crew went to the police station to give their remonances of the mishap.

The master of the steam launch "Kwong Chow" against whom there were three previous convictions was fined \$20, in default a month's jail, for failure to observe the rule of the road in the harbour.

The Chief Secretary to the Peking Cabinet, Chang Ting-ao, is being appointed Director of the Salt Administration, according to a *Daily Bulletin* cable.

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The B. F. S.S. "Nelson" left Port  
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The P. M. S.S. "President Pierce"  
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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
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Commander, left here for Victoria  
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The B. F. S.S. "Telamachus" for Boston  
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10 for this port and is due here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Kasa Maru" (American  
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9 a.m. and is due at Hongkong on July  
15 at 4 p.m.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Sowa Maru" (European  
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Meji on July 10 and is expected here on  
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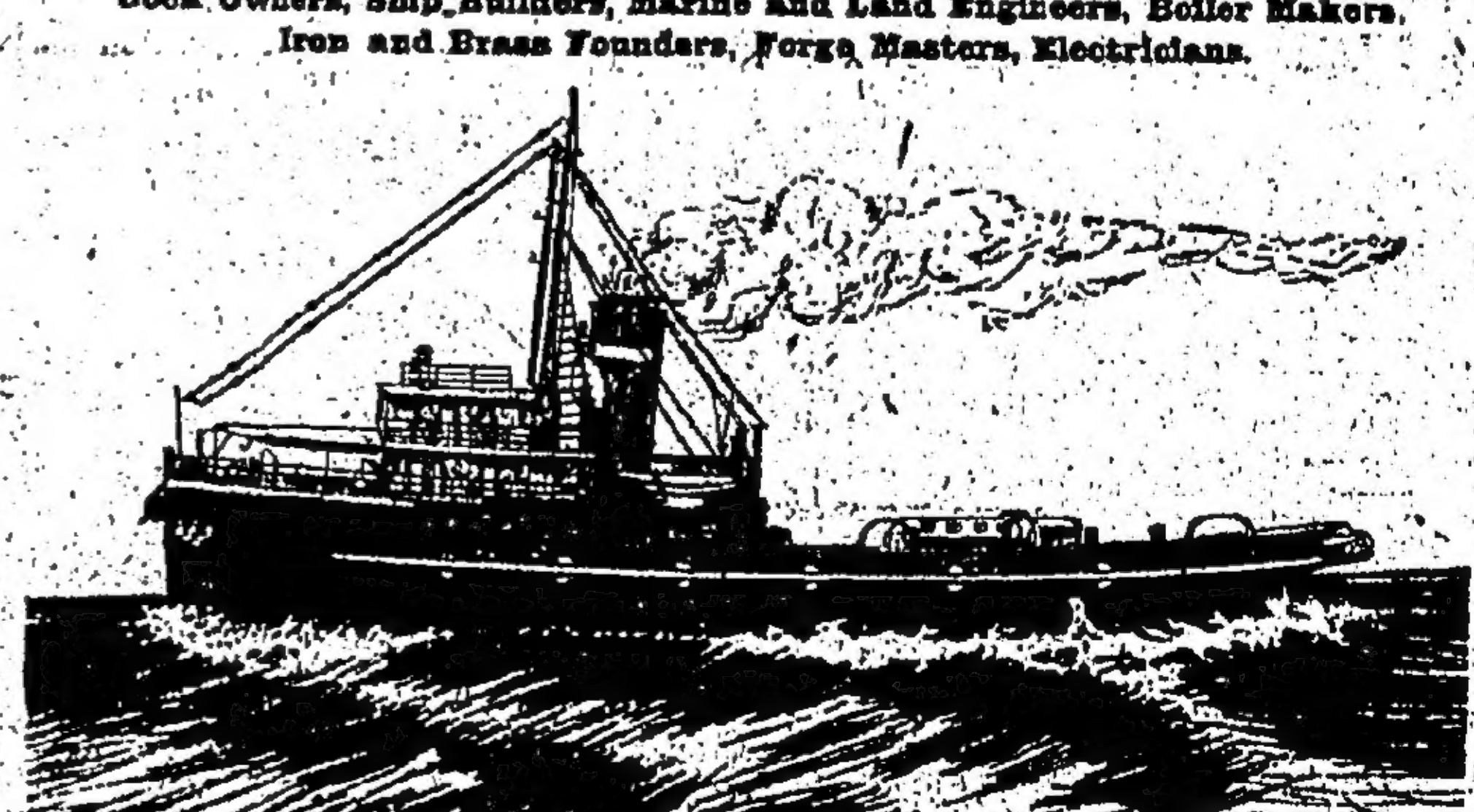
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### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### TEACHING LANGUAGES HERE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir—Will you be good enough to allow me through your valuable paper to refer to certain points that the members of the Education Board have been so earnestly discussing at their meetings held on 6th June last and 4th instant.

As you know, there have been lively discussions as to whether the French (or Portuguese) should be taught to Portuguese children at the Bellios School. At their first meeting the Board decided to ascertain the feelings of the Portuguese Community, which at their meeting held at the Club Lusitano on the 18th June last, decided that the teaching of the Portuguese language should be compulsory to Portuguese scholars in this Colony. A speaker at this meeting expressed the Community's thanks to the Education Board for their wise decision to leave the matter at abeyance until they ascertain the feelings of the Portuguese parents.

Sir, before I proceed in this intricate matter, I crave your indulgence as well as that of the august "Education Board," in case I fail to make out my case.

As recently interested in the education of children in general, and very particularly in the education of Portuguese young folks, I must state that that resolution passed by the Portuguese Community to be submitted to the Board was not based on the patriotism alone but also on the ground of usefulness. But now, having had the Community's feelings put before them in an unmistakable manner, it looks as if some of the Members of the Board were a little inclined to entertain them sympathetically.

The study of the Portuguese language to the Portuguese children according to the principles of Pedagogy, if it is not found possible in this Colony to proceed, should at least go along with the teaching of English.

To be brief, I herewith put before the enlightened readers the views of the great and popular former Governor of Hongkong, Sir John Pope Hennessy:

"The deplorable effect of this state of things, growing from day to day, could not escape the quick intellect of Sir John Pope Hennessy, who, in a public speech, praising the good qualities of the Macanese boys, could not, however, help remarking that, generally speaking, they are deficient in English composition. The reason of this defect we need not go far to seek—it is found in the elements of ideology: words being the expression of ideas, and our ideas being shaped by words of the language imbued with the mother's milk, it follows that perfection in the native tongue must be the basis of all acquisitions, linguistic, literary, or scientific. It is, consequently, of the utmost importance that the study of Portuguese should precede that of English."

(Extr. Re. Tricent. Camoes, Page 90.)

Now, Sir, what I wish to emphasize and I have no doubt you will concur with me is this: When one knows well one's mother's tongue one can master easily a foreign language. Therefore, if the Portuguese children are allowed to learn first their own tongue, the study specially of French, Italian and Spanish, their sisters' languages, would be an easy matter for them and would save themselves of the big shame of not knowing their own tongue.

Is it not a very sad thing, then, to see those responsible to talk of teaching French, instead of Portuguese, to the Portuguese children? The Headmistress of the Bellios School has raised the question of the preference for French. Don't you think, Sir, that some of the Members of the Education Board seem to have got stuck to it?

Now, let us go further practically. On the ground of usefulness, I dare to submit that the German language should take preference to the French and going further to the bottom of the matter, I, without fearing of being contradicted on practical grounds, beg to state

### WEST RIVER PERILS.

#### CHINESE CHAMBER'S CONCERN.

The obstacles encountered by the West River steamers trying to make the through trip to Wuchow were discussed at the monthly committee meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon when Mr. Li Po-kwai presided.

Members present were informed that the Hongkong Government had been approached with a view to securing protection for Wuchow steamers flying the Chinese flag. The chairman announced that two replies had been received from the Colonial Secretary. They were to the effect that His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer on the West River had approached the commanders of the Cantonese and the Kwangsi forces and had been informed that steamers could pass up and down if engaged in legitimate trade. The Kwangsi-ites had stipulated that nine short blasts be blown when approaching Do Sing.

It was then mentioned that some military had just given orders that no ship was to proceed beyond Shiu Hing.

Reference was made to assistance given to the charitable institutions of Canton in securing exemption for them of payment of military contribution to the Canton authorities.

The Chamber's help had also been solicited by an association in Canton which had as its object the suppression of the kidnapping of small boys by press gangs on the pretence of commandeering labour for war transport.

#### WATER METERS.

An invitation had been sent to the "China Mail" to attend the discussion on water meters but when this question came up the Press was excluded as the meeting proposed to deal in camera with the reports which had come in.

### MAN OVERBOARD.

#### MACAO BOAT INCIDENT.

The trip from Macao yesterday by the "Sui An" was punctuated by a heart-breaking incident. A man jumped overboard. The alarm was given and the ringing of the engine room telegraph indicated that the first steps were being taken for the rescue. The ship slowed down, swung round on her track and cruising slowly over the spot, lowered her boat. It was, at first, thought that the unfortunate man had been a victim of fan-tan, but later it became known that a woman passenger had complained of the loss of an article of clothing. Suspicion fell on a man of about 30 years, who chagrined at the discovery, slipped from hands that would detain him, and overboard, and after a little while, out of sight. The conditions for a rescue were favourable, the alarm being promptly given, the engineer on duty was at his post, the lifeboat gear worked without a hitch, but the efforts were unavailing.

that, at least for us the Portuguese, living in this part of the world it is more useful and necessary to know Portuguese first, then English and Chinese. By knowing how to read Chinese the scholars in after life would not be entirely at the mercy of the Chinese Staff, etc., etc. Similarly for those Portuguese living in British India it is useful, besides the Portuguese, English and the Indian, further in France and Belgium, Portuguese, French and English, and so on.

In conclusion, the teaching of French, though a beautiful language, to the Portuguese children would be a luxury. Let them first learn their own tongue when they will have a deep knowledge of the indispensable English language and next comes the Chinese language as the most useful in this part of the world. I believe that I have struck the point of usefulness which some of the Members of the Education Board are aiming at.

Thanking you and apologizing for encroaching so much, I remain,

Yours, etc.,  
**VICTOR SORIANO**  
Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

### STORIES OF THE OPERA.

#### MIGNON.

Mignon, a daughter of noble parents, was stolen when a child by gypsies, and is forced to dance in the streets by Gianni, chief of a Gypsy Band. Mignon's father, Lothario, whose mind has been affected by his daughter's abduction, wanders about seeking her. Mignon is ordered to dance by the Gypsy chief, but is too tired to do so, and is threatened with punishment, when Wilhelm, a young student, protects her and questions her about her parents. She remembers little but tells him of her impression of home. Wilhelm, full of pity for the helpless girl, offers the Gypsy chief a sum of money to release her, and goes in to the inn to complete the bargain. Lothario comes to Mignon to bid her farewell, saying he must go south, following the swallows. Wilhelm is now invited to go to the castle of Prince Tiefenbach with the troupe of players, headed by the lovely Filina, who has observed the handsome student with an appreciative eye. He hesitates, thinking of Mignon, but also begs to be allowed to accompany him disguised as a servant. Wilhelm finally yields a reluctant consent, not knowing what else to do. Wilhelm makes love to the actress Filina, Mignon watching with a sad heart, as she has learned to love him. When left alone she tries to make her complexion as beautiful as that of the actress by the aid of Filina's rouge. After Wilhelm has returned she makes her appearance in one of Filina's dresses, and he tells her that he must leave her. Mignon begins to weep, refuses money which he has offered her, and is about to bid him farewell when Filina enters and seeing Mignon in one of her own dresses, eyes her with sarcastic amusement, which puts Mignon into a jealous rage and she rushes to a cabinet, tears off the borrowed plumes and puts on her gypsy garments. Mignon in despair tries to throw herself in the park lake, but is prevented by Lothario who consoles her. In a fit of jealousy she wishes that fire would consume the castle in which Filina has won her master's affection. Lothario is puzzled. The actors and guests issue from the castle proclaiming the beauty and talent of Filina. Wilhelm now sees Mignon and is about to speak to her when Filina interposes and asks her to go to the castle on some errand. The young girl, glad to escape meeting Wilhelm, obeys, but no sooner gone than the castle is discovered to be in flames, the half-witted Lothario having set fire to it after having heard Mignon's jealous wish. Wilhelm rushes in to the burning castle and reappears with the unconscious form of Mignon. Lothario has returned to his castle with Mignon, followed by Wilhelm who now realises that he loves his youthful ward. Mignon is recovering from a dangerous illness, and as Lothario watches outside her sick room sings a beautiful lullaby. Mignon comes with feeble steps to the balcony and seeing Wilhelm is much agitated. He endeavours to soothe her, but she insists that only Lothario loves her. Lothario now enters and announces that he is the Count Lothario, having been restored to his right mind by the familiar scenes of his ancestral home. He shows them the jewels and prayer book of his lost daughter and tells them her name is Spectra. Mignon starts at the name and begins to read from the little book a little prayer, but soon drops the book and continues from memory, her hands clasped and her eyes raised to heaven. Lothario is much agitated and when she has finished, recognises her as his lost daughter. Father and daughter are reunited, while a blessing is bestowed on the young people by Lothario. The story is based upon Goethe's Wilhelm Meister. Music by Ambrose Thomas.

### NEW BRICKWORKS.

#### CASTLE PEAK SITE SOLD FOR \$63,500.

There was brisk bidding for the new brickworks site near San Hui, Castle Peak, which was offered for sale by auction in the new Court Room of the Taipo Land office yesterday morning. The area is approximately 23 acres and the upset price was \$975. The District Officer, after reading the conditions of sale, stated that the Government was not selling the lot with the object of raising money, but with the idea of having a brick factory established, so that the Colony may have an increased supply of bricks.

The special conditions attached to the sale included the following:—The purchaser shall within 2 years from the date of sale expend a sum of not less than \$300,000 in the construction of a brickworks capable of turning out not less than 50,000 bricks per diem.

Bidding began at \$1,000 and advanced rapidly to \$63,500 at which price the lot was secured by the Manager of the Chung Kwong Coy. Later on there was lively competition for a number of agricultural lots.

### MEDICAL RESEARCH.

#### ANOTHER FRIENDSHIP BOND WITH U.S.

The King and Queen visited University College Hospital and University College, Gower-street, W.C. The King laid the foundation-stone of the new Obstetric Hospital and the Queen that of the new Nurses' Home. His Majesty also opened the new School of Anatomy.

In reply to an address of welcome read by Sir Ernest Hatch (chairman of the general committee), the King said:

There can be but few instances on record in which any foundation has received, like this college and medical school, £1,200,000 from a single benefactor in a single gift. And the magnificent generosity of the Rockefeller Trustees is the more impressive since it is bestowed by a citizen of the United States upon a college and hospital in London, and thus upon the people of Great Britain and the Empire.

That they should have selected the University of London to receive this princely endowment is not merely a high and well-deserved compliment and the creation of yet another tie of sympathy and friendship which links us with the United States, but it is also the evidence and declaration of their conviction that the progress of science and the welfare of mankind are not delimited by national or racial boundaries, and that work done here in London for the relief of human suffering, the improvement of medical education, and the advance of science is a service to the whole world.

No appreciation can be too great for the devotion, with which eminent physicians and surgeons have given, and are giving, their services to the treatment of hospital patients and the training of students.

The Queen has always been actively interested in the care of maternity and infant life, and keenly conscious of its fundamental importance to the national health.

Two of the chief requisites for bringing about a better state of things are to ensure that medical men are well and efficiently trained for their work, and to provide maternity hospitals in which patients may be received.

Referring to the Queen's pleasure at the establishment of the Nurses' Home, the King said:

We fully recognise how vital to the cause of public health it is that the nation should possess a body of nurses adequate in number, efficiently trained for their work, and bent on maintaining the high standard of unselfish devotion which has been the glory of English nursing.

### CRIME DUE TO CROWDING.

#### CAN ANYBODY BE SUR- PRISED, ASKS JUDGE.

A terrible charge, for which overcrowding, due to the house shortage, appeared to be responsible, was dealt with at the Old Bailey. It was shown that a father, aged sixty-three, slept in the same bed as his daughter, aged twenty-four, that a son, aged seventeen, occupied the same room, and that in another room a boy of twelve and a girl of twenty, members of the same family, slept together. Mr. Justice Riggby Swift (to prosecuting counsel): Are you surprised at immorality under these circumstances?

Counsel: Not in the least.

The Judge: It is a terrible state of affairs. How it is to be stopped I don't know.

The father was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, and the daughter was bound over.

### "FOR WHICH I AM VERY THANKFUL"

Transvaal Lady Tells How  
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Rescued  
Her from a Legacy of Sickness  
Left by Malaria.

As in the Far East, Malaria is responsible for many breakdowns of health in South Africa. Here is the experience of Mrs. G. L. Viljoen, a Dutch lady living at 93 Spruit street, Pretoria, Transvaal.

"About eighteen months ago I was restored to perfect health, for which I am very thankful," Mrs. Viljoen says. "Prior to that time for almost two years I was a terrible sufferer. The onset of my health dates from an attack of malarial fever, the after-effects of which I could in no way remove. My blood seemed to become thin and poor; my head was nearly always dizzy, and I had splitting headaches. My digestive organs became disordered, and I suffered horribly after eating anything of a solid nature. I had pains all through my body, my heart was very weak, and I suffered from palpitation. I was in despair, and thought my days were numbered. I had medical advice, and various were the medicines and remedies prescribed for me, including sleeping powders, as I was tortured with insomnia. The healthful functions of Nature were upset (I speak of menstruation). Thank goodness, this has all been changed, and life is now what it used to be, and I am happy and healthy. This restoration I have no hesitation in saying is entirely due to a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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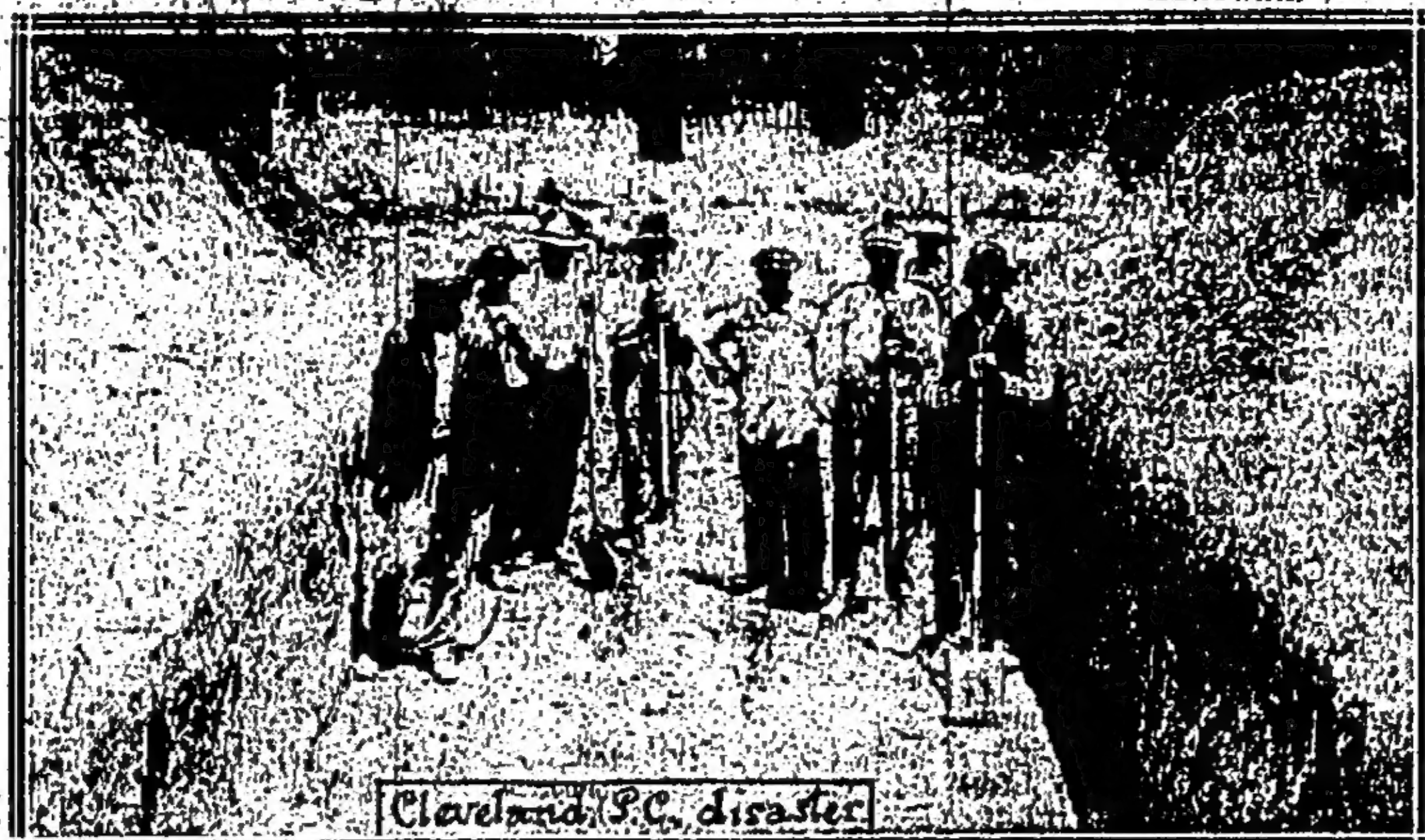
Ronald McNeill

The possibility of war between Great Britain and Soviet Russia was foreshadowed in the British House of Commons when Ronald McNeill, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, announced that the gunboat Harebell had been sent to the Murmansk coast to protect British fishing vessels, with orders to use force if necessary. A violent scene followed the speech, Laborites bitterly assailing the policy of the Government.



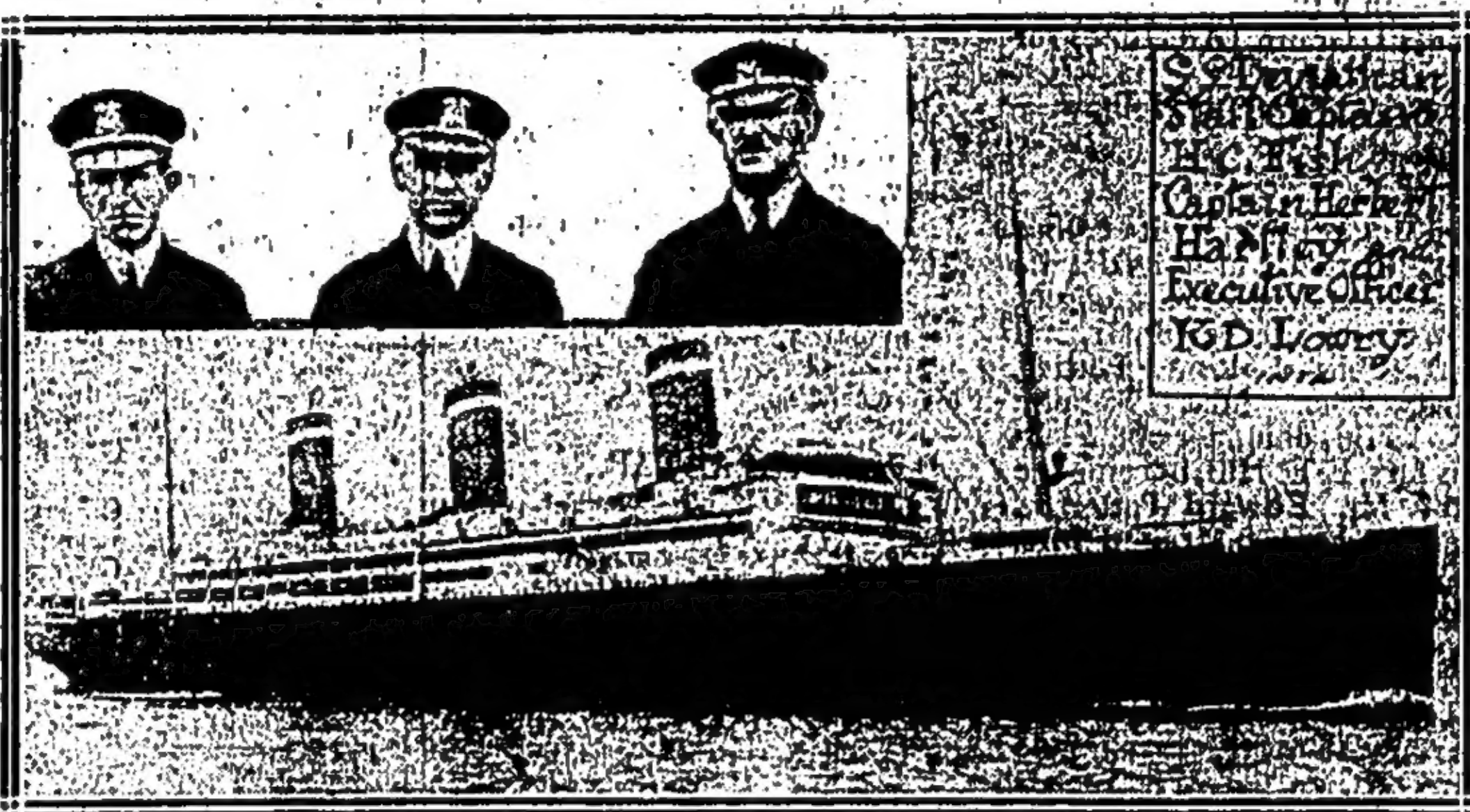
The Hon. Arthur Ponsonby

The Hon. Arthur Ponsonby, who was Page of Honor to Queen Victoria, of Great Britain, and who is now a member of the House of Commons, has introduced a bill in Parliament seeking to abolish hereditary titles in Great Britain. The bill has been advanced to second reading in Commons, despite the frenzied protests of the Tories, and amid wild shouts from the Labour benches. Ponsonby, who is related to many noble families, was once a Liberal, but is now a Laborite.



Cleveland P.C. disaster

In this huge grave 59 of the dead of the terrible fire disaster in the little wooden schoolhouse at Cleveland, were buried. The victims were so badly burned that of the 70 dead only 11 could be identified for individual interment.



The S. S. "Leviathan," formerly the German liner Vaterland, now the greatest vessel in the world in point of tonnage, is shown steaming out of Newport News, where she was reconditioned and turned into an oil burner, at a cost of \$8,500,000. She was on her way to Boston, where she was to enter the great navy drydock to have her bottom scraped before her speed trials. This is the first trip of the vessel since she was used as a troop carrier in the World War. The "Leviathan," which is to enter passenger service in July, is commanded by Captain Herbert Hartley with H. C. Fish as her Staff Captain and K. B. Lowmy as her Executive Officer.



General Lawrence D. Tyson

Daring radical surgery, with the aid of a local anesthetic only, cheated death of a victim in a Boston hospital. Dr. Grant S. Kedjian, a young Armenian surgeon, operated on a 62-year-old woman, who had cancer and was unable to undergo total anesthesia. The infected area was covered with morphine. All feeling thus eliminated, the patient stoically watched every detail of the operation, which lasted three hours.



General Lawrence D. Tyson

General Lawrence D. Tyson has opened his campaign for election as Senator from Tennessee, seeking the Democratic nomination, which is regarded as the same as election. General Tyson is a graduate of West Point, seeing active service first in the Spanish-American War. During the World War he commanded the Fifty-ninth Brigade of the Thirtieth Division, which, with the Twenty-seventh Division, smashed the Hindenburg line while serving with the British in Flanders. General Tyson now practises law.



Alva B. Adams

Here is the first picture of Alva B. Adams, son of the late Governor Alva Adams, who has been appointed to the United States Senate from his native State.



Mrs. Anne U. Stillman Mrs. Florence Leeds Baby Jay Leeds

A new turn in the Stillman divorce scandal—which shook the nation when James A. Stillman, then head of the National City Bank, the greatest financial institution in America, charged that Fred Beauvais, a Canadian-Indian guide, was the father of Guy Stillman, youngest son of his wife, Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman—has been reached. Mrs. Stillman was vindicated, and she in turn charged that Stillman was the father of Jay Leeds, son of Florence Leeds, a former stage beauty, and that Stillman was maintaining Mrs. Leeds in luxury. Now Mrs. Leeds declares she is contemplating suit against Stillman for the \$1,500 a month he formerly paid her for the support of the child. She alleges Stillman paid this sum all during the divorce suit and then cast her off. Mrs. Stillman, in a remarkable interview, declared her children had been brought up to believe Jay Leeds was their half-brother and offered to rear the child herself if Mrs. Leeds has to give it up.



Mrs. Madlynne Obenchain

Mrs. Madlynne Obenchain, freed after three sensational trials in Los Angeles on the charge of murdering her sweetheart, is shown here with her attorney, on her way to the office of the District Attorney, to tell what she knew of the escape from the Los Angeles jail of Clara Phillips, who was serving a sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, whom she beat to death with a hammer. It is alleged Mrs. Obenchain took all Mrs. Phillips' clothing from the jail when she was released after her third trial.

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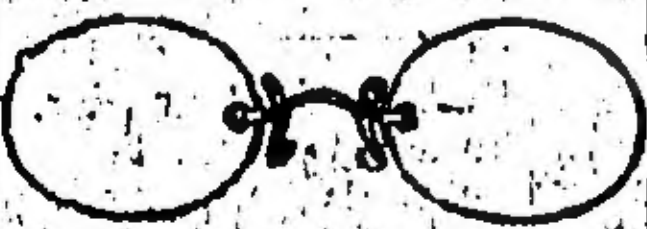
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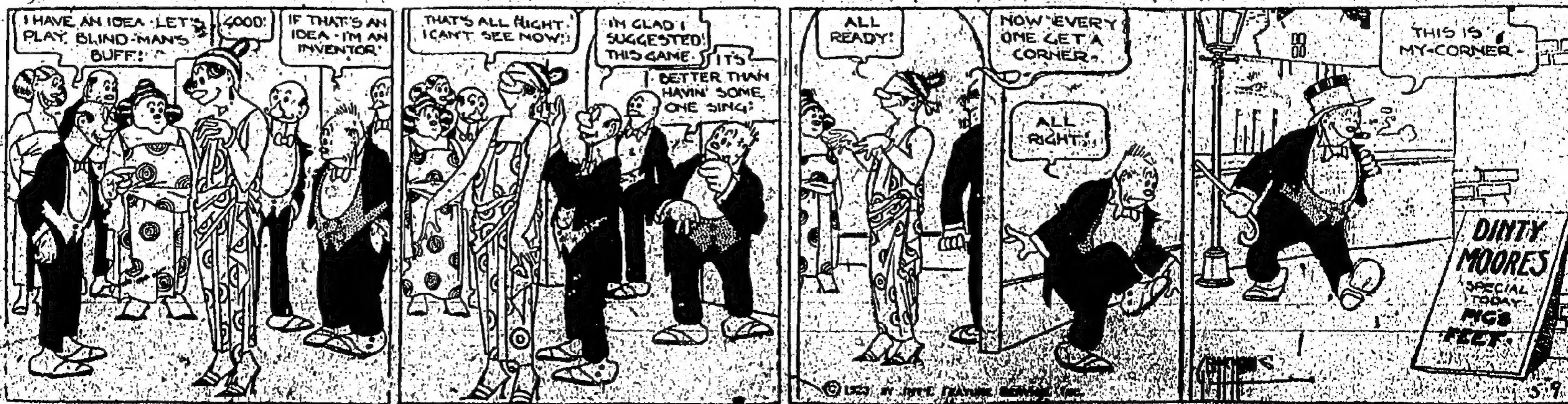
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## WARNING TO AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, July 10th.  
Mr. W. M. Hughes (ex-Prime Minister of Australia), in the course of a striking warning issued in the Sydney Daily Telegraph with regard to Australia's empty spaces, discusses Japan's need of an outlet for her surplus population, and its relation to Australia, whose great need is population, to complain if Japan does not consent to improve checks to the increase of her own. If she does not, nothing is surer than that before many years have passed, her overpopulated and half-starved millions will make a grand trek.  
He asks: "If these millions knock at our doors, how can we deny them admittance?" and declares that it would be more in the interest of the greater part of the world that three millions should settle in Australia and produce wealth, than that they should remain idle and die.

## FATAL EXPLOSION.

ALTON, ILLINOIS, July 10th.  
Nine persons were killed and 25 injured by an explosion, which took place in the shell room of the Western Cartridge Co.'s factory. The dead include four women.

## COAL TRANSPORT RATES.

WASHINGTON, July 10th.  
Acting on a recommendation made by the Coal Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered an investigation of all rates for the transportation of anthracite mined in the United States. An investigation has also been ordered regarding transport rates for foreign anthracite.

## DOCKERS' DISPUTE.

London, July 10th.  
There are growing signs that the dockers' strike is waning. The men have now returned on the new shilling out from at Bournemouth, while they have also decided to resume at Barry and Cardiff, but some of the other centres are still holding off.

## MORE LOSS.

## BRITISH INDUSTRY AND THE RUHR.

Those who still cherish the delusion that the French occupation of the Ruhr will prove a stimulus to British industry have, unhappily, received yet another proof of their error. Mr. Douglas Vickers, in his review of the past trading year of Vickers, Limited, alludes to the effect of the international situation on British engineering in the following terms: "Coal and coke companies and makers of raw steel of ordinary qualities have gained a passing advantage, but on the whole the French occupation of the Ruhr is causing a considerable loss to the engineering trades of this country. Under the circumstances it is not easy to forecast the results of the year 1923. I can only say that, unless there is a definite change, this year is likely to be different from 1922." Mr. Vickers was the more reluctant to accept this conclusion because signs of improvement at the end of last year had been unmistakable. Last July he had been able confidently to predict a break in the clouds. Only a few months ago he would have said that his hopes were on the point of being fulfilled. In December there was "a distinct revival in the steel trade, more inquiries for shipbuilding and engineering material, and a general feeling of greater confidence which we all thought the beginning of better times." Upon this as yet frail and delicate shoot the French Ruhr occupation fell like a blight. "The production of coal and steel in that district was reduced and diverted from its natural course, with the result that the prices of coal and coke rose here, and that of steel followed. The natural result was 'the rise in the cost of ships and engineering products to a price which holds off the few buyers who have not already been frightened away by the uncertainty of the political situation.' This statement—coming as it does from the chairman of one of our greatest engineering firms, who knows the steel trade and who, having received part of his training in Germany, is well acquainted with German conditions—is unequivocal with regard to British engineering. Indeed, to those not blinded by political or national prejudice, such consequences have appeared inevitable from the first. Engineering.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

## VESSELS DUE

FROM MANILA.  
Aug. 6.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.  
16.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM JAPAN.  
July 15.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada.

FROM JAVA.  
July 19.—J.O.J.L. Tilmann.  
22.—J.O.J.L. Tilmann.

FROM CALCUTTA.  
July 17.—N.Y.K. Awa Maru.

FROM BANGKOK.  
July 17.—E.A. Banks.

FROM SINGAPORE.  
Aug. 6.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.  
16.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
July 15.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru.  
Aug. 6.—E.A. Banks.  
Oct. 3.—E.A. Banks.  
Nov. 10.—E.A. Banks.  
Dec. 10.—E.A. Banks.

FROM VANCOUVER.  
July 12.—N.Y.K. Kaga Maru.  
15.—O.P.R. Empress of Canada.  
25.—B.F. Achilles.  
Aug. 23.—B.F. Achilles.  
Oct. 4.—B.F. Achilles.  
Nov. 11.—B.F. Achilles.  
Dec. 13.—B.F. Achilles.

FROM PORTLAND.  
July 28.—U.S.S.R. West O'Rowa.

FROM NEW YORK.  
July 15.—B.F. Telemachus.  
Aug. 1.—B.F. Telemachus.

FROM SEATTLE.  
July 26.—B.F. Telemachus.  
Aug. 23.—B.F. Telemachus.  
Sept. 28.—B.F. Telemachus.

FROM LOS ANGELES.  
July 17.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.  
27.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.  
July 17.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.  
27.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.  
July 15.—N.Y.K. Sawa Maru.  
17.—N.Y.K. Sawa Maru.  
19.—N.Y.K. Sawa Maru.  
21.—J.O.J.L. Sawa Maru.  
23.—J.O.J.L. Sawa Maru.  
25.—J.O.J.L. Sawa Maru.  
27.—J.O.J.L. Sawa Maru.  
29.—J.O.J.L. Sawa Maru.  
31.—J.O.J.L. Sawa Maru.

FROM LONDON.  
July 12.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
15.—N.Y.K. Sawa Maru.  
18.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
21.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
24.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
27.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
30.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
31.—P. & O. Kashmir.

FROM LIVERPOOL.  
July 22.—B.F. Dardanus.  
25.—B.F. Dardanus.  
28.—B.F. Dardanus.  
31.—B.F. Dardanus.

FROM COPENHAGEN.  
July 19.—E.A. Australia.  
22.—E.A. Australia.  
25.—E.A. Australia.  
28.—E.A. Australia.

FROM HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Kaitia Bay, New Zealand, during the years 1905-6.

The zero of the scale corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 1 inch below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge, at the Victoria Naval Yard (L.S. 1000), add 10 feet 1 inch to the height given in the table.

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11 A.M. Stock Exchange. Sharebrokers Association.

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H.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate 92 1/2 b. 100.

Hongkong Bank Ltd. 92 1/2 b. 100.

East Asia Bank 104 1/2 b. 105.

Marine Insurance 800 b. 800.

Canton Insurance 140 b. 140.

North China Insurance 138 b. 138.

Union Insurance 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Yangtze Insurance 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Fire Insurance 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

China Fire Insurance 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Hongkong Fire Insurance 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Shipping 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Donghai 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

H.K. Steamboat 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Indo-China (Pref.) 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

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Shell Transport 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Sagami 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

China Sugar 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Malayan Sugar 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

Mining 82 1/2 b. 82 1/2.

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Shanghai Loans 21 1/2 b. 21 1/2.

Shai Explorations 21 1/2 b. 21 1/2.

Rango 21 1/2 b. 21 1/2.

Rango Mines 21 1/2 b. 21 1/2.

Urul Campan 21 1/2 b. 21 1/2.

Bengal Cam. 21 1/2 b. 21 1/2.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c. 163 1/2 b. 163 1/2.

H. &amp; W. Dock 163 1/2 b. 163 1/2.

Shai Dock 163 1/2 b. 163 1/2.

New Dock 163 1/2 b. 163 1/2.

H.K. Engineering 163 1/2 b. 163 1/2.

Shanghai Hongkong 163 1/2 b. 163 1/2.

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Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital: \$50,000,000.

Paid-up Capital: \$20,000,000.

Reserve Funds: \$24,500,000.

Surplus: \$5,000,000.

Assets: \$20,000,000.

Liabilities: \$20,000,000.

Proprietors: \$20,000,000.

Directors: \$20,000,000.

Branches: \$20,000,000.

Current Accounts: \$20,000,000.

Fixed Deposits: \$20,000,000.

Savings Bank: \$20,000,000.

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## Banks

The Bank of Canton, Ltd.,  
2nd Floor, Road Central.

China Trade Bank, Ltd.,  
4, Duddell Street.

## Building Contractors

Shing On & Co.  
Building Contractors,  
4, D'Aguilar Street. Tel. Cen. 1897

## Coal Merchants

Katzen Mining Admin. (c/o Dowdell & Co.,  
Ltd.), Colliery & Steamship Owners.  
Brimstone Coal, Coke, Firebricks.

A. Kimura & Co.  
1, Connaught Road Central.

Swong Hang & Co., Coal Merchants  
& Des Vaux Rd. Cen. Tel. Cen. 3736

Masani & Co., 4 Queen's Road Central.  
Wholesale Coal Contractors and  
Shipping Agents—Phone Cen. 1543.

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Importers Cotton Yarn & Piece  
Goods. No. 7, Havelock Bank  
Building. Tel. Cen. 3774 and 3903

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Lee Hing, Chinese Curio & Silver Ware

## Dentist

Servy Fong, Dentist  
1st Floor, No. 74, Queen's Road  
Central. Tel. Central No. 1255.

## Electrical Suppliers

S. S. Hing Co., Electrical and  
Electrical Contractors and  
Zephyrus. 10 Pottinger St. Tel. Cen. 3580

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Engineers & Shipbuilders  
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Call Flag "L"

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A. Ling & Co., Glass Merchants,  
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and Crockery Wares and Photo  
Apparatus. 12, Queen's Road Central.  
Tel. Central No. 1215.

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Des Vaux Road.

Swong Sun & Co., 55 Queen's Road  
Central. Ko Chi Chung (Manager).  
Swong King Him (Asst.). Tel. Cen. 5169.

Kanada Trading Co.,  
Importers and Exporters.  
NKKO—Japanese fine art curios,  
21 Queen's Road Central. Tel. Cen. 1259

Sam Hing Loong,  
57-59 Queen's Road Central.  
General Storekeepers, Wine & Cigar  
Merchants. General Importers,  
Exporters of Chinese Produce.  
Tel. Central 351.

Patell & Co., P.O. Box 316

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Pan Yick Cho, Land & Estate agents  
Tel. Central 911-1967.  
25, Queen's Road Central.

## Leather Goods

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Best makers of Leather Suitcases,  
Hand Bags, Purse, Belts, etc.  
Pottinger St., 208 Queen's Rd. Ct.  
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China Bank Buildings (3rd floor) Tel. 2609

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Latest models and creations from  
Paris in Frock and Millinery.  
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Miners, Importers and Exporters  
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53, Queen's Road Central

M. Lazarus, Optician.  
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23, Lee House Street.  
7 Beaconfield Road (Branch).  
Developing & Printing undertaken.

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Photo Supplies and Developing.  
Art picture dealer.

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Publishers and Bookbinders.  
4, Wyndham Street. Tel. Cen. 22.

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Tanahke & Co., 19 Connaught Rd. W.  
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Singapore Wood. Tel. Central 4463.

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Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Old.  
First floor. Tel. Central 620.  
Shipchandlers, Stevedores and  
Comprodores.

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25 Wing Wo Street. Tel. Central 1116  
Metal Merchant, & Ship Chandlers,  
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. Chin.

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Comprodores, Stevedores & Coal  
Merchants. Ba sat & Pilot supply.  
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Central No. 940.

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Man Wing S. S. Co., Ltd.  
39 Bonham Strand West. Tel. Cen. 1710  
Regular fortnightly service  
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BOOTS, SHOES, SUITCASES, LADIES' GENTS'  
& CHILDREN'S BELT BUCKLES, BELT MODERATE.  
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38a Queen's Road Central, Satin  
Crepe de Chine, Georgette and  
Brocade Silks.

Pohoomul Bros., 36, Queen's Rd. O.

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Ladies and Gent's Tailors,  
10, D'Aguilar Street, New Materials  
of all descriptions. Tel. Cen. 3830.

Ah Young, Tailors, Drapers & Out-  
fitters, Hat & Clothing, Suits made  
to order. No. 74, Queen's Road  
Central. Tel. Central No. 2430.

Sing Cheong,  
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Tailor,  
24, Wyndham Street, 2nd floor.

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British American Tobacco Co.  
(China), Ltd. 15-19 Connaught Road.

## Typewriters, Etc.

Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Ct.

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Kwan Tye, General Storekeeper  
Wine & Spirit Merchant.  
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The fares prescribed for public vehicles  
are as follows:  
—In the Island of Hongkong, Cause  
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Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

## RICKSHAW.

Five minutes..... 5 cents  
Ten minutes..... 10  
Quarter hour..... 15  
Half hour..... 20  
One hour..... 30  
Every subsequent hour..... 30

If the rickshaws be engaged  
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-  
charged outside the Western part of the  
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-  
charged to the East of Bay View Police  
Station on the Eastern side of the City  
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half  
fare shall be chargeable.  
For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or  
triple respectively.

## II.—In the Hill District.

Ten minutes..... 15 cents  
Quarter hour..... 20  
Half hour..... 30  
One hour..... 40  
Every subsequent hour..... 40

## III.—In the New Territories.

By arrangement with the proprietors  
through the Police.

## CHAIRMAN.

I.—Lower Levels.  
With 2 Drivers With 2 Drivers.

Ten minutes..... 10 cents  
Quarter hour..... 15  
Half hour..... 20  
One hour..... 30  
Every subsequent hour..... 30

## II.—Hill District.

With 2 Drivers With 2 Drivers.

Ten minutes..... 15 cents  
Quarter hour..... 20  
Half hour..... 30  
One hour..... 40  
Every subsequent hour..... 40

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through the Police.

## WEATHER REPORT.

July 11d 15h 40m—Warning to  
Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—De-  
pression or typhoon of unknown  
intensity within 120 miles of Lat  
12° N. Long 134° E., moving N.W.  
July 12d 0h 10m—Warning to  
Hongkong Coast Ports, &c.—De-  
pression or typhoon of unknown  
intensity within 120 miles of Lat  
13° N. Long 131° E., moving N.W.  
July 12d 12h 10m—Pressure has  
increased slightly from Pmossa  
to Tongking and at Yap. It has  
decreased slightly over the  
Philippines and at Guam.  
The depression over S.W. China  
remains unchanged.

At 6 a.m. the typhoon appeared  
to be about 400 miles E. of  
Legaspi moving N.W.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Total since January 1st, 39.44 inches.  
Against an average of 42.95 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on July 13, 1923.

1—Formosa Channel. S.W. winds,  
moderate; fair.

2—South coast of China. S.W. winds,  
moderate; fair.

3—Hainan. S.W. winds, moderate;  
fair.

4—Coast of China between  
Hainan and Hainan. S.W. winds,  
moderate; fair.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,  
HONGKONG.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT

JULY 17, 1923.—a.m.

Station. Time. Barometer at Sea Level. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force.

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